(2) SUDDEN DISMISSAL OF SIX WORKERS FROM KULAPPURAM AARON SPINNING AND WEAVING MILLS, PALAYANGADI, NORTH MALABAR.

MR. SPEAKER :—" Mr. K. P. Gopalan has given notice of an adjournment motion. He gave it to me just two minutes before I started for the Chamber. So I had no time to give notice of the motion to the Hon. Minister. The motion reads as follows :—

'This Assembly stands adjourned to discuss an urgent matter of public importance, namely, the sudden dismissal of six workers from Kulappuram Aaron Spinning and Weaving Mills, Palayangadi, North Malabar, on August 5th 1954, as a result of the failure of the Government to intervene in the notice put up by the management of the Mills for the wholesale retrenchment of half of the workers working in the Mills.'

I would like to know from the hon. Member how it is a matter of urgent public importance."

* SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Sir, the management of the mill put up a notice that they would be retrenching half of the workers within a period of one month. As soon as this notice was put up, the Union sent telegraphic information to the Government as well as the Labour authorities about this fact. The Labour Officer at Kozhikode never took any action to refer this case for conciliation. So, the management have all on a sudden dismissed the workers. 12-20 p.m. Sir, this is in violation of the Factories Act. So I want to state that dismissals of workers by the factory-owners has become the order of the day in Malabar. Therefore, I think this is a very important matter. It is owing to the failure of the Government and the failure of the Labour Department that the management have dismissed these six workers. That is why I have brought this adjournment motion before the House and thus this is a fit matter to be discussed in this Assembly."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I want to know what the Hon. Minister has got to say. I have not given him notice as the motion was given to me just when I was starting for the Chamber. Let me hear the Hon. Minister."

* THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, I do not think it is worthwhile to discuss this matter in this House to-day. I do not have any information with me, and so I may not be able to make any statement on the matter to be discussed. I would suggest to the hon. Member this. If he could kindly meet me in my Chamber at 5-15 p.m. to-day, I shall also invite the Commissioner of Labour and we can discuss the matter. There is no use condemning the Government or the Officers that they have failed to do this or that."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Sir, I accept the suggestion of the Hon. Minister and in view of that I withdraw the adjournment motion."